

Whitstable Junior School





Term 5 Curriculum Information 2019

for parents in Year 6

It's hard to believe that we are now into our last seasonal term and with SATs only a few weeks away. As always the children have been a credit to our school; demonstrating commitment and resilience to their learning. Please see key dates for your diary and additional information to see how best to support your child during this next term. Thank you for your support.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year 6 Team – we are always happy to listen and help.



What are we learning about this term?



Key Areas covered this term in Maths:

Week I- Revision of place value and number:

Children will reinforce their knowledge of rounding, reading, writing and ordering numbers up to a million. (Including their properties and negative numbers in context).

Week 2 - Revision of the 4 operations:

Children will revise the methods taught based on whole numbers, decimals and fractions and then reinforce their understanding by applying this to multistage word problems.

Week 3 - Revision of fractions, decimals and percentages: Children will consolidate their understanding of fractions, decimals and % - comparing, ordering, finding equivalence, finding quantities of amounts and cancelling. They will also apply their understanding to word problems

Week 4 – SATs week

Week 5 - Problem Solving and Quiz's:

Children will apply their understanding of all areas of the Year 6 curriculum through challenges, Kahoot games, puzzles and quiz's.

TTRockstars

We ask children to continue practicing their times tables using our amazing Times Tables Rockstars online platform. We will be watching out for some up and coming battles.

Key Areas covered this term in English:

During the term, children will be immersed in the world of Oliver Twist and then later in the term, How to live a Healthy Lifestyle.

They will continue to study the film 'Oliver Twist', through role play, descriptive writing, characterisation, empathy and lastly through writing a **Newspaper report** about the robbery, which ultimately changed Oliver's life, in the market square.

Following this, the children will be learning about living a healthy lifestyle through writing an explanation text. The children will be learning all about the importance of staying healthy as well as the role of the organs that complete our circulatory system. They will be learning about the importance of a balanced diet, regular exercise, keeping hydrated and keeping clean. To assist them in their understanding, children will be studying an information text about The Blood and our circulatory system.



Spellings:

We will continue with our Spelling system and Spelling Shed online programme, whereby children will be set spellings on a weekly basis. The new rule will be introduced on a Monday, with a set of spellings sent home to learn, ready for a test on Friday.

Science - Investigating Our Heart and Circulatory system

In this unit, the children will learn about the human body, in more detail looking at the role of the blood and the circulatory system. Children will get the opportunity to look at a model of the heart to understand how it works and act out the circulatory system. They will also learn about the importance of a balanced diet and the nutrients that we absorb from our food.



In this exciting unit, the children will study the effect of different shaped cams on a mechanism and use this to make a moving toy. They will learn to use technical language such as: followers, cams, dowelling and how to draw technical drawings. (Building on their knowledge of scale drawings)

RE-What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa, Grace and Ummah?

During Term 5, the children will be learning about Ahimsa (harmlessness), Grace and Ummah (community). They will be focusing on how we should care for others and the world and does it matter, plus what difference does it make to believe in these elements?

Music - You've got a friend:

During this fun unit, children will focus on this well-known song by Carole King. The children will appraise the song, develop their understanding of the instruments and music related to the song- developing their understanding of how to read music.

PE: Netball and Cricket:

Hopefully with the weather improving, we will be getting outside more! We will be teaching the skills of Netball and Cricket. Please can **PE kits be in school every day** due to weather constraints and occasional changes in timetable.

PHSE: How can we stay healthy?



Our PHSE focus for this term is on keeping healthy. Children will learn about what can positively and negatively affect our health. Develop informed choices about how to live a balanced lifestyle; how drugs can affect health and safety; the law and drugs and who is responsible for your health and wellbeing. A new term provides another opportunity for the children to take part in our Citizenship Award by gathering evidence of how they are being Trustworthy and Responsible. It is never too late to start!

Year 6 SATs Easter Homework:

As you may be aware, Term 5 brings with it the long awaited week of SATs testing for the Year 6 children. The tests are throughout the week commencing 13th May; starting with SPAG on Monday, Reading on Tuesday and Maths on Wednesday and Thursday. In order for you to support your child we have sent out Easter Homework, which includes a range of tests for them to practice. Although we absolutely want everyone to relax and recharge their batteries, we really would appreciate your support in ensuring this homework is completed for the first day back in Term 5. Thank you.

Homework:

Homework will still be set on a Wednesday to be handed in on the following Tuesday and will be based from their CGP books. Thank you for your support in completing these tasks as well as taking the time to listen to them read, practice their times table facts and complete their topic homework. There will be no Theme homework this term, in order for the children to spend time revising for SATs.

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 23rd April - First day of term 5.

Monday 29th April – Parent SATs meeting – after school (3:15pm) in the Studio.

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May - Year 6 SATs Testing Week

Thursday 23rd May - Class Photos

Friday 24th May - End of Term



We would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and thank you again for your support